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Conversation with PUDIKOV who was in the United States in September 1958  
with a group of Soviet steel men for American Iron and Steel Institute

During a private conversation, PUDIKOV mentioned that he is the chief advisor to Aleksandr Fedorovich ZASHIADKO, vice premier in charge of the coal industry in the USSR. ZASHIADKO, like PUDIKOV, is a Ukrainian. According to PUDIKOV, he is in charge of plans for the production of oil, gas, coal and minerals. ZASHIADKO generally approves his projects. Frequently, however KHRUSHCHEV checks these plans and one must be careful because he likes to make his own changes.

When asked why Germann Mykhailovich HVISHIYANI, director of foreign contacts of the planning commission in Moscow, enjoys much better living conditions than PUDIKOV, the latter replied that HVISHIYANI is a son-in-law of Aleksandr Mykolayevich KOSEGIN, and this explained the situation.

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\*Could be GVISHIYANI - GVISTANI - HVISHIYANI

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